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Written Support/Testimony of Tilcon NY

In The Matter Of The Petition Of Public Service Electric And Gas Company For Approval Of An Increase In Electric And Gas Rates And For Changes In The Tariffs For Electric and Gas Service, B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Electric and B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Gas, and for Changes in Depreciation Rates, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and for Other Appropriate Relief. *BPU Docket Nos.: ER23120924 and GR23120925*

Before The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities on Monday May 13th, 2024

We thank the Presiding Commissioner and/or Hearing Officer, for the opportunity to submit comments for the record in support of the Filing by Public Service Electric & Gas Co. for its base rate case.

My name is Don Moore and I am the Vice President for Estimating & Contracts at Tilcon NY headquartered in Parsippany NJ. If you did not know Tilcon NY is the leading supplier of construction aggregates, asphalt and paving services in the Metropolitan NY area. We employ approximately 650 employees.

Tilcon NY is in strong support of the petition submitted to this Board by PSE&G docketed as the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates. The petition's end result would be significant capital investments, leading not only to the creation of many new direct and indirect jobs for the area but also upgrading the state's electric and gas infrastructure. Such an upgrade would increase reliability, reduce power outages and best prepare all customers for the grid of the future, one that relies heavily on electric.

Tilcon began working directly with PSE&G in 2014 on a portion of the Susquehanna-Roseland Transmission Project in Sparta. Following a successful contract, we were awarded our first gas related contract for milling & paving services under the Energy Strong initiative. This then led into several subsequent milling & paving blanket



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contracts under GSMP I & II programs in the northern PSE&G districts, requiring multiple crews working in dozens of municipalities. Over the course of these contracts, Tilcon performed on average, more than 200,000 tons of asphalt milling and paving per year, or nearly 2,000 lane miles of roadway to date. This required more than 250,000 hours of union labor, as well as the support of full-time administrative and operations supervision staff.

Additionally, Tilcon has supplied crushed stone and asphalt patching to many of the companies in northern NJ contracted for the installation of the gas mains over the years.

Overall, PSE&G continues to play a major role in our company's market position as a leading supplier of stone, asphalt and construction services.

Much of our work with PSE&G has centered around the paving projects related to their cast iron gas system upgrade programs. These upgrades have had many benefits, including reduced carbon emissions, enhanced reliability and a conversion to outside meter sets, which has provided greater overall safety to both meter readers and customers. Making the gas distribution system more modern and efficient has also had a direct benefit for asphalt suppliers like us, who run those plants on natural gas.

PSE&G's filing includes needed improvements to its electric distribution system that will continue to improve reliability. The importance of this cannot be understated. As the world continues to be threatened by more extreme weather events, PSE&G has led the charge on hardening their system to mitigate negative impacts for all their customers. In fact, over the last 20 years PSE&G has improved reliability by approximately 20%.

We have multiple facilities in their service territory that provide asphalt for some of the state's most important agencies, such as those responsible for critical roadway repairs therefore having as few service interruptions is imperative to us. Having a more resilient distribution system is a chief concern for a business like ours and these investments provide certainty for us to then invest back into our facilities in northern NJ.

As the state's largest and only dual utility, PSE&G has the greatest ability to help achieve the clean energy goals and bring into existence the modern grid that will be needed to support that clean energy vision. The bottom line for our business is that the PSE&G proposal will allow us to grow our business and invest back into our workforce which largely consists of skilled union workers.



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Thank you to the Board of Public Utilities for allowing us to participate in this important public hearing.

Sincerely,

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